

REMARKS

Please reconsider the application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks. Applicants thank the Examiner for carefully considering this application and for acknowledging Applicants' claim for priority to U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/929,477.

Disposition of Claims

Claims 1-27 are pending in the present patent application. By way of this reply, claims 1-27 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Also by way of this reply, new claims 28-50 are added. Claims 28, 36, and 44 are independent. The remaining claims depend, either directly or indirectly, from independent claims 28, 36, and 44.

Claim Amendments

Claims 1-27 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 28-50 are new. No new matter is introduced by way of the new claims as support for these claims may be found, for example, in Figures 3, 4, and 6, and in paragraphs [0052]-[0092] and [0095]-[0102] of the published specification.

Drawings

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner acknowledge the formal drawings filed on July 16, 2003, and indicate whether these drawings are acceptable.

Specification Amendments

By way of this reply, paragraph [0002] of the published specification is amended to include the filing dates, serial numbers, and correct docket numbers of the cited co-pending patent applications. Applicants respectfully assert no new matter has been introduced by way of this amendment.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 4, 6, 9, and 10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, for reciting claim limitations with insufficient antecedent basis. By way of this reply, claims 4, 6, 9, and 10 are cancelled and thus the rejection is moot as to those claims. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1-27 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,741,853 issued to Jiang et al. (hereinafter “Jiang”). By way of this reply, claims 1-27 are cancelled and thus the rejection is moot as to those claims. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

New Claims

New independent claim 28 recites, in part,

performing an exact match search of a plurality of predefined client profiles to locate a predefined client profile ...;
when the exact match search to locate the predefined client profile fails,
performing a partial match search of the plurality of predefined client profiles to locate the predefined client profile

New independent claims 36 and 44 recite similar limitations. Applicants respectfully assert Jiang fails to disclose at least the partial match search for a predefined client profile when an exact match search for a predefined client profile that matches the wireless client device fails.

Jiang discloses a portal middleware server (PMS) configured to recognize different wireless devices. *See* Jiang at column 8, lines 57-62. Jiang further discloses a device manager and presence manager within the PMS for determining a device type and determining a preferred method to communicate with the device. *See* Jiang at column 10,

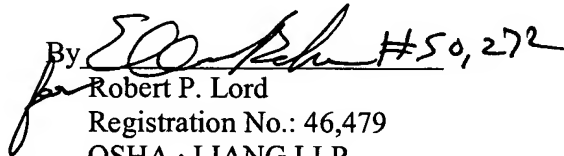
lines 5-24. However, Jiang is completely silent regarding the multi-level searching for a predefined client profile (*i.e.*, performing an exact match search and when the exact match search fails, performing a partial match search) as recited in claims 28, 36, and 46. The multi-level search is sufficiently complex and distinct to be neither anticipated by nor obvious from Jiang. Accordingly, independent claims 28, 36, and 44 are patentable over Jiang. Claims 29-35, 37-43, and 45-50 depend, either directly or indirectly, from independent claims 28, 36, and 44 and are allowable for at least the same reason.

Conclusion

Applicants believe this reply is fully responsive to all outstanding issues and places this application in condition for allowance. If this belief is incorrect, or other issues arise, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned or his associates at the telephone number listed below. Please apply any charges not covered, or any credits, to Deposit Account 50-0591 (Reference Number 03226/507002; SUN030067).

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